

## Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee

### Goals and Objectives from 12/16/10 Meeting

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*The following desired outcomes were captured from Advisory Committee members at the December 16, 2010 meeting.*

- Plan will be implemented and education efforts will be made about it
- The government will understand that citizens are capable of their own self help and self solutions to sea level rise
- Plan will assess all needs and be clear
- Enable constituents to be prepared and know how to respond to sea level rise
- Define details of sea level rise impacts, so solutions can begin to present themselves
- Responsible money spending, and be a credible plan for prioritizing how to spend money for projects
- Spend taxpayer money wisely
- Ensure that natural resources are conserved
- Understand potential impacts to economy
- Done the "Delaware Way"
- Protect farming and food industry of Delaware
- Informed decision-making, smart use of resources and public finances, especially on natural resources and farmland
- Process will consider all possibilities of sea levels – use indicators to create plan
- Have public outreach so citizens can make their own informed decisions
- Allow private property owners to have a say on decisions about their land
- Plan will be a tool to use in disaster planning
- Plan will reduce costs of sea level rise and flooding

*These desired outcomes were summarized by Delaware Coastal Programs and were distributed at the 1/20/11 meeting. These outcomes were intended to guide the development of an approved goal statement and to inform plan development.*

The Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan will:

- Be implemented
- Be comprehensive and clearly outline impacts to communities, economy and resources
- Lead to informed decision-making and smart use of resources and public finances
- Result in reduced costs associated with sea level rise and flooding
- Emphasize the role of individual choices in preparing for sea level rise
- Emphasize protection of the farming and food industry
- Ensure that natural resources are conserved
- Complement and enhance disaster planning
- Be based upon the best available science
- Be equitable and fair to all groups and sectors in Delaware
- Allow private property owners to have a say on decisions about their land
- Enable constituents to be prepared and know how to respond to sea level rise
- Ensure public outreach so citizens can make their own informed decisions